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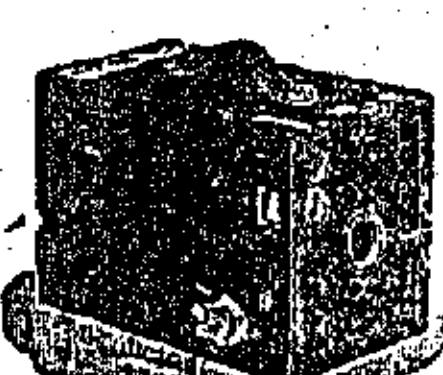
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1905.

The report on the trade of Amoy for 1904, by Mr. Consul Hauser, shows a very noteworthy increase in the net value of imports and exports. For the previous three years it kept steady enough, at \$2,742,925 in 1901, \$2,791,406 in 1902, and \$2,756,442 in 1903. Last year it jumped to \$3,071,547, the biggest share of that being \$1,424,091 worth of foreign goods imported; and it was this improved demand for foreign products that mainly accounted for the increase. The gross value of the Amoy trade in foreign vessels, was \$3,649,099. The item of \$607,451 shown as re-exported represents mainly Formosan tea. Hongkong and other British dependencies contributed 66 per cent. of the foreign importations, while Formosa sent 29 per cent. Very little returned to Hongkong, only nine per cent; but Singapore and the Straits claimed forty per cent. of the export. The Formosan tea and other re-exports, or 84 per cent. of them, went to America. Amoy's chief foreign supplies were foodstuffs, \$436,446 foreign and \$155,696 Chinese; cotton goods (\$330,532), and opium (\$295,238 foreign and \$75,005 Chinese). Cotton imports were only sixteen per cent of the total, opium eighteen, and foodstuffs, excluding beans and bean-cakes, which it appears are used chiefly for manuring the rice fields, composed 28 per cent. of the imports. It is evident that Amoy is not situated in a fertile or productive neighbourhood, the value of exports of local origin being not more than \$384,215. Mr. Hauser remarks that Amoy's only valuable asset is labour, coolie labour. "It is only," he says, "by the earnings abroad and remittances home made by these coolies that the imports can possibly be paid for." Without roads or water ways, this mountainous and semi-detached district cannot be expected to develop. It is pleasant to read, therefore, that the rice crops were excellent, and the people in the interior in a fairly prosperous condition. A considerable augmentation of the quantity of foreign rice imported does not seem quite consistent with these statements; but it is explained that this rice was brought by emigrant vessels returning from Rangoon and the Straits (British India steamers) who had some special agreement with the H. O. line. The flour import also was bigger, but not remarkably so. Native opium was making its competition effective, Szechuan and Yunnan opium (at \$600 to \$650 per picul, inclusive of duty and likin) going in in much larger quantities; and decreasing the foreign import. The difference in retail price works out at something like \$4 to \$4.50 per catty. "The Amoy rates were comparatively lower than those in Hongkong, and consequently the merchants were the chief sufferers." There was an improved market for cotton yarn, notwithstanding that the earlier prices were increased by from ten to fifteen dollars a bale; and the Japanese gained a good share of the market. The export of sugar has been diminishing since long before the war; and it cannot be only the war that has caused this. Up to 1,000, the average quantity exported (averaging ten years) was 228,832 cwt. of all sorts. The years 1902 and 1903 were about the same, although seriously dropped from 1901—117,339 cwt. were exported in 1903—and in the year under review the total export was only 93,377 cwt. The Japanese, checked in one direction, operated in another way (buying ahead at prohibitive prices) and the expected revival of camphor did not come about. Mr. Consul Hauser says: "The trade in this most promising article of export, which, if left uninterfered with, would soon assume important proportions, appears to be the only one left of interest to foreigners." It will be remembered that the Chinese officials granted a monopoly of the business to Japanese, but had to cancel it, and compensate the British firms who had suffered in consequence. Only 13 per cent. of the imports were for the interior, and of this kerosene formed the bulk.

The French Mail of the 22nd August was delivered in London on the 22nd inst.

The Band of the 2nd Royal West Kent Regiment will perform on the New Parade Ground this evening from 4.30 to 6 o'clock.

The Bombay Municipal Corporation have voted three lakhs of rupees towards the fund for celebrating the visit of T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales in Bombay.

About 350 coolies returned from South Africa by the *Catherine Park*, which vessel arrived in port last week. They will be quartered in the old Lanchester Camp until the vessel is ready to proceed on her voyage north.

Owing to a lack of vacancies no officers belonging to British units can, at present, be appointed to the Indian Army by supplementary selection, but applications of candidates will be recorded for consideration at the earliest possible opportunity. It is probable that vacancies will be available between January and April next year.

Following is the programme arranged for the Hongkong branch of the Sanitary Institute for the present week:—Tuesday, Lecture by Dr. W. W. Pearce, M.O.H., on the subject of "Disinfection" at 9 p.m.; Thursday, Sanitary Inspectors' Test Examination from 7 to 10 p.m.; Friday, Lecture by Mr. H. T. Jackson on the subject of "Practical Drainage," at 9 p.m.

The Rangoon Port Trust intend raising a loan of 314 lakhs of rupees this month. The money for the first time in the history of the Port is to be advertised for at 4 per cent. interest. Hitherto loans, either Port Trust or Municipal, have been at 4½ per cent. or higher rates. Rangoon banks still charge Madras rates varying from 8 to 14 per cent. for accommodation, or from 2 to 4 per cent. higher than Calcutta rates. Seeing the proximity of the two places it is remarkable that interest rates in Burma are so high as they do.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE.

At a regular meeting of the St. Andrew's B. A. Chapter, held on the 23rd, the following principals and officers were duly elected and installed: M.E.Z. M.E.C. Charles Fitzpatrick, Junr., H. E.C. Jas. W. Graham, J. E.C. Tung Chee, Scribe E. M.E.C. Jas. Leckie, Scribe N.C. H. S. Wynne, Treasurer C. J. Dickie, P.S. C. F. Allen, Asst. C. J. W. Bly, 2nd Asst. C. J. R. Lee, Inner Guard M. E.C. W. E. Claret, Janitor. C. J. Vana tone. The installation ceremony was performed by M.E. Companions Goudine and Wolfe, for which they received a hearty vote of thanks and were made honorary members of the Chapter.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

EARTHQUAKES IN SCOTLAND.

LONDON, 23rd September.
Perthshire and Sirlingshire have experienced two distinct earthquake shocks, the second occurring yesterday.

FINLAND.

LONDON, 23rd September.
There have been armed riots in Finland, and the disaffection is spreading. The Russian troops in the country are being augmented.

MOROCCO.

LONDON, 23rd September.
It is feared that the negotiations between France and Germany concerning Morocco are approaching a deadlock.

GERMANY'S COLONIAL TROUBLES.

LONDON, 23rd September.
The insurrection in German East Africa is spreading.

NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

LONDON, 23rd September.
The final agreement between Norway and Sweden has now been officially announced.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE STATE OF RUSSIA.

LONDON, 21st September.
A crowd in Riga has stormed the prison, killed and wounded five of the guards, and liberated two important political prisoners; the criminal prisoners were not liberated. A revolt in the Orsk prison was quelled by the troops, with one killed and five wounded.

NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

LONDON, 21st September.
A Swedish-Norwegian Parliament will meet on the 10th October to discuss the result of the Karlstad conference.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, 21st September.
The death of Colonel Frank Rhodes is announced at Cape Town, from black-water fever.

AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANIES.

LONDON, 21st September.
An official investigation into the affairs of the leading American insurance companies, now proceeding in New York, has disclosed astonishing irregularities. Large loan transactions have not been recorded in the proper books, and heavy advances have been made to party funds and persons for political purposes.

GERMANY AND MOROCCO.

LONDON, 22nd September.
It is semi-officially stated in Paris that it is still believed the Morocco negotiations will lead to an understanding, but owing to the German demands and objections, especially in reference to policing the frontier and financial arrangements, an agreement is not so imminent as was anticipated.

RUSSIA AND MANCHURIA.

LONDON, 22nd September.
It is stated in St. Petersburg that Manchuria will only be partially evacuated, and that several army corps will be left on the Chinese frontier.

LORD SELBORNE IN THE TRANSVAAL.

LONDON, 22nd September.
Lord Selborne is touring in the Transvaal and is receiving a deputation from the Boers. He declared that the majority of the Chinese immigrants were peaceable, and that the Government was now empowered to repatriate criminals. He pointed out, however, that the repatriation of all the Chinese would result in the shutting down of one third of the mines in the Rand.

RUSSIAN FINLAND.

LONDON, 22nd September.
The Russian forces in Finland are being considerably increased.

Gracious! Elsie! exclaimed the girl's mother, "why are you shouting in that horrible fashion? Why can't you be quiet like Willie?" "He's got to be quiet, the way we're playin' replied Elsie. "He's papa coming home late and I'm you."—Philadelphia Press.

LOCAL SPORT.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

ANNUAL AQUATIC SPORTS.
The annual aquatic sports organised by the Victoria Recreation Club were brought to a successful conclusion on Saturday afternoon when, being ladies' day, a large concourse, including many of the gentler sex, assembled on the stands and on lawns to witness an interesting programme which gave ample opportunity for a wide display of nautical attainments. The afternoon was ideal in respect of weather, and the pleasure of the company was much enhanced by the selections discoursed by the band of the 2nd Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment. The Governor and party were present and the undertaking certainly secured no lack of patronage. The sports themselves were up to the average in point of merit, and some good exhibitions were given, especially in the 100 yards' swimming championship and in the high dive. J. Wittich was as usual a conspicuous competitor and added greatly to his already long list of successes in several events. Results are appended:

Hurdle race, handicap, Final.	
J. W. Bains	1
C. F. Ozorio	2
Bains, who started at 11, soon shot ahead and finished comfortably, though there was a good race among the other three for second position.	
High dive.	
C. E. V. Harrop	1
M. A. Figueroide	2
Figueroide made one good dive, but Harrop had the better all-round display.	
Two lengths handicap, Final.	
J. H. R. Hance	1
J. A. S. Alves	2
4½ sees.	

The six competitors provided a good race. At one time Lammet looked like winning, but Hance put on a spurt at the finish and won by about a neck from Alves.

Boys' Race, under 12 years of age. Two lengths handicap. Boys or brothers of members only.

Donald Logan	1
L. Sutra	2

Logan's was a popular win. He went at a steady pace all the distance. C. Lopez started off very speedily but he could not keep up the pace and dropped out.

Championship of the club (100 yards).

J. Wittich	1
N. Alves	2

A close contest, but the victory was seen to rest with Wittich when he had covered the first length, though followed closely by Alves.

Greasy pole.

J. Wittich	1
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This competition evoked great amusement. H. W. Sayer got the flag at the first try, but Wittich made four attempts before he could secure it. On competing again to decide the tie, Wittich reached the end rather cleverly, while his rival failed.

Four lengths handicap, Final.	
J. H. R. Hance	1
A. V. Harros	2

A keen contest, and a close finish. Consolation Race, two lengths.

H. A. Lammet	1
H. C. Sayer	2

The four competitors were fairly equal, but Lammet made an exceptionally good finish.

Water Polo, between teams of seven. Blue team captained by J. Wittich beat White team captained by R. C. Wittich by 2 goals to 0. White shaped better in the first half but lacked in tackling, and failed in shooting for goal. Wittich scored for his side by a stinging shot delivered half way down the play. Half time Blue 1, White 0. On resuming, Humphreys beat Lammet a second time, this advantage being through the failure to tackle on the part of the opposing forwards. Mr. Meek acted as referee.

The sports were well managed by the following officials: Judges: Mr. E. W. Mitchell, Lt. G. B. Macdonald, R.G.A., Mr. A. Rodger, Mr. T. Meek; Referee, Mr. Arthur Chapman; Starters, Messrs. G. A. Caldwell, and W. Armstrong; Handicappers, Messrs. T. Meek and J. H. R. Hance; Official Time-keepers, Messrs. E. M. Hazeland, and W. A. Crake.

At the close the prizes were distributed to the successful competitors by Mrs. Dickson, who was afterwards presented by Mr. A. Chapman, the chairman of the club, with a beautiful bouquet and accorded a hearty vote of thanks for her services.

CRICKET MATCH.

A friendly match between the Civil Service Cricket Club and the Police Cricket Club took place at Happy Valley on Saturday last, and ended in a victory for the Police by 23 runs.

	CIVIL SERVICE C.C.	POLICE C.C.
P. T. Lammet, c. Edwards, b. Shepherd	3	2
A. R. F. Raven, run out	2	0
P. Rivers, c. Fowler, b. Kerr	2	0
W. L. Weaver, c. Deveney, b. Kerr	0	0
P. R. Adams, b. Deveney	0	0
H. T. Jackson, not out	4	1
L. E. Brett, b. Kerr	2	0
F. Nicholas, b. W. A. Crake	7	0
R. C. Wittich, b. Kerr	2	0
R. C. Wittich, b. Kerr	2	0
A. W. Harlow, b. Shepherd	4	0
Extras	4	0
Total	48	7
Police c.c.		
Clyde, run out	2	0
Deveney, run out	2	0
Edwards, b. Raven	21	0
Foley, run out	3	0
Kerr, b. Raven	7	0
McCarthy, b. Shepherd	11	0
Fowler, b. Nicholas	1	0
Shepherd, run out	0	0
Pitt, b. Nicholas	1	0
Lamley, c. Jackson, b. Crake	2	0
Kerr, not out	2	0
Extras	7	0
Total	71	0

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	CIVIL SERVICE C.C.	POLICE C.C.
Kerr	11	1
Shepherd	103	2
	13	3

FOOTBALL.

R.A.M.C. v. NAVALYARD.

This match was played at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon, the competing teams lining up as follows:—

R.A.M.C.—Bradford, goal; Hanson and Langston, backs; White, Rankin and Edwards, halves; Johnson, Primer, Holbrook, Griffiths and Ingmire forwards.

Navalyard—Gibbins, goal; Bishop and Bacon, backs; Tullock, Ratcliffe and Charlton, halves; McClelland, Cooper, Platt, Coyne and Gohar, forwards.

The Navalyard set the ball rolling, and the forwards of the R.A.M.C. got away with it. From the left Griffiths, the inside left, took up the running, piloting the leather safely past every one in his way and eventually shooting it nicely between the posts, thus recording one goal for the R.A.M.C. The Navalyard forwards then pressed a brilliant attack; some excellent controlling was displayed, but bad judgment in kicking kept the ball from the goal of their ambition. Shot after shot was put in, but always passed above the horizontal, and at half-time the score still stood:—

R.A.M.C. 1; Navalyard 0.

Throughout the greater part of the second half, the R.A.M.C. found it necessary to put forth their best endeavours to turn away the leather which persistently flew in the direction of their posts. Their efforts were fairly successful, but Bacon, after some hard work, eventually got a shot, and the leather found a resting place between the posts amidst great cheering. The Navalyard still continued to besiege, but staunch defenders were pitted against them, and a second opportunity to score was not allowed before time was notified.

Result: R.A.M.C. 1; Navalyard, 1.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

The annual meeting of members of this club was held at the Hongkong Hotel on Friday afternoon.

Mr. F. BROWN, chairman, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts stated that the Rugby team had done very well in the large number of games played, and this was in a great measure due to their energetic captain, Mr. H. F. Chard (applause). There was every prospect of this section continuing its good work. A large number of matches had also been played by the association team, but they had not been so successful in the matter of wins. Still, they could not always be expected to win, and they could congratulate their opponents on being a little better than themselves. They had gained some very useful experience even in their defeats, and this would serve them well for the coming season. The club had not been sufficiently successful to win the shield; as they had not been for a number of years, but the shield had fallen into very good hands (hear, hear). The members of the Hongkong Football Club had always been ready to assist the executive in every way, and it was most creditable that when a new pavilion and dressing room was wanted, they came forward so rapidly and subscribed practically the whole amount required. Thanks were due to Mr. C. H. Gale for all he had done in connection with the pavilion (hear, hear) and also the hon. secretary, Mr. Crofton (hear, hear). The grand stand, as usual, had been blown down (laughter), and, as usual, the order had been given to put it up (more laughter). The thanks of the members were due to the two captains Mr. H. F. Chard and Mr. W. H. Williams, to the hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Boyd, to the hon. secretary, Mr. Crofton, and to the Committee, for all their efforts (applause). They deserved the gratitude of the members for their work in arranging all the matches, and providing useful outdoor recreation, which enabled players to keep in good health and thereby do their work efficiently; and in enabling men who had come to a strange country to form those friendships and companionships without which life in this Colony would be unbearable; and also in providing many hours of happiness for the crowds of spectators (applause).

Mr. E. F. AUGUST seconded the proposition, which was carried.

The following officers were then elected:—President, Mr. F. BROWN; captain of rugby team, Mr. H. F. Chard; captain of association team, Mr. H. C. Gray; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. Henchman; Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. H. Crofton; Committee, Messrs. J. W. C. Bonner, T. E. Pearce, J. D. Baleman, R.N., P. W. Goldring, and G. B. Macdonald, R.G.A.

With reference to rule 17 of the Club's rules, Mr. R. MACPHERSON proposed that it be altered to read as follows:—"All teams for Association matches shall be selected by a sub-committee of three members appointed by the General Committee, this sub-committee to be known as the 'Match Committee.' The captain of the team shall form one of this sub-committee."

Mr. E. F. AUGUST seconded the proposition and there followed a discussion wherein it was contended that it was not sufficient for the selection of teams to be merely announced in the newspapers, and that it was advisable that the responsibility of selection should rest with such a sub-committee rather than with one man.

The proposition was agreed to unanimously, but as the Rugby players preferred the old methods, it was agreed that the innovation apply only to the association team.

The secretary to the Navalyard Football Club wrote suggesting the formation of a league under English Association rules.

Members generally were not in favour of forming such a league, and passed a motion to the effect that the club was unable to join.

It was decided that the closing date for entries in the six-a-side competition should be Thursday, 25th instant.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

The following is the report of the committee for the season 1904-05:—

The Committee have pleasure in presenting the annual report. The Treasurer's account of income and expenditure shows a surplus of \$37.71, which has been added to the Reserve Account. Owing to the heavy expenditures on account of re-turfing and extension of the ground amounting together to \$2,635.44, the Committee regret being unable to redeem debentures to the extent of \$1,500 as anticipated. Debenture Interest amounting to \$904.73 was paid on the 1st instant. Shanghai and Singapore in response to the last report sent teams to Hongkong in November last. Hongkong defeated Shanghai by three runs and three wickets. Singapore defeated Hongkong by 5 runs. Singapore also defeated Shanghai. During the Chinese New Year Holidays a team was sent to Swatow at the invitation of the Swatow Cricket Club. Two matches were played both of which Hongkong won. The thanks of the club are due to the Swatow community for the generous hospitality extended to our representatives during their visit. Mr. T. E. Pearce heads the batting averages with 30, and Mr. G. E. Mearns first in bowling with an average of 13.13. The highest score, 113, was made by Mr. T. E. Pearce against the team elected to play in Swatow. The Club played nine cricket matches of which three were won, two lost, and four drawn. There were also played other matches such as Hills v. Plains, etc. The Hongkong Cricket Club League Team played 17 matches, of which 10 were won, 3 lost, and 4 drawn. The team again took fourth place in the League competition. The new pavilion was occupied in November last, and the extension on the North side of the Cricket Ground is now completed. The annual lawn tennis match against the Ladies' Recreation Club was played on 27th May and resulted in a win for the Hongkong Cricket Club. The annual lawn tennis tournament was played in April and May. The championship was won by Mr. H. Pinckney with Mr. Hancock second; the "A" Class Singles Handicap by Mr. H. Pinckney; Mr. R. F. C. Master second; the "B" Class Singles Handicap by Mr. C. H. Falloon; Mr. R. E. O. Bird second. Messrs. P. K. Knyvet and R. B. Beattie were first in the Doubles Handicap and Messrs. E. Orniston and H. R. Phelps second. Messrs. A. Boyd and R. Macpherson won the Professional Pairs. Mr. H. E. Phelps and Hon. Mr. T. Sercombe Smith were second. The annual raquetts tournament was played in May. Mr. H. Hancock again won the Championship and also the Singles Handicap, and with Lieut. Chesney, R.E., the Doubles Handicap. The thanks of the club are due to the officers of H. M. Navy and Army who kindly lent their hands to Messrs. J. W. Bains, P. W. Goldring and T. C. Gray for making out the cricket averages, and to Mr. H. A. MacIntyre for auditing the accounts, and to those gentlemen who served on the Entertainment Committee and also those who kindly subscribed towards the Guarantee Fund in connection with the visit of the Shanghai and Singapore Teams. Mr. Lowe was granted leave of absence on his departure for home on furlough. Mr. J. E. Bingham (Lowe and Bingham) was appointed to act as Secretary and Treasurer during Mr. Lowe's absence. During the year 115 new members joined the Club. The total number of members is now 535 and there are 80 Naval subscribers.

POLICE COURT.

Saturday, 23rd September.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (First Police Magistrate).

DISORDERLY FRENCH SAILORS.

Three French sailors from the *Guichen* were summoned for disorderly behaviour in Ship Street in the early hours of Saturday morning, two also being summoned for refusing to pay their rishas fares. Through the medium of a lady interpreter they admitted their guilt and expressed regret. They were each fined \$2, with 20 cents additional for the two who refused to pay their rishas fares.

BEFORE MR. G. N. ORME (Second Police Magistrate).

ALLEGED MURDER.

Wong Hing, Lui Tam, Wong Hong and Lui San, were brought up on remand charged with the murder of a coolie named Yau Kam at Tsim Tsai Tsui on 21st September.

Dr. W. Moor, medical officer in charge of the morgue at Kowloon, gave the result of the post mortem examination he conducted on deceased, who was about 25 years of age. Death was due to hemorrhage caused by a ruptured spleen. Either a fall or a slight blow would cause the rupture.

Mr. d'Almeida Castro said his office had just been instructed to defend two of the defendants and he would ask for a remand.

The case was remanded till Wednesday.

THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

The twenty-second ordinary general meeting of shareholders in this company was held at the company's office at noon on Saturday. There were present Mr. H. P. White (Chairman), Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickson, Mr. A. G. Wood and Hon. Mr. R. Sheehan (Consulting Committee), and Messrs. C. D. Wilkinson, J. E. Dingham, W. Parlane, J. A. Jupp, J. R. Mitchell, T. F. Hough, E. W. Mitchell, J. S. Perry, W. F. McIntosh, W. H. Potts, S. J. Michael and Chan Sun.

The CHAIRMAN.—Gentlemen, the report and accounts having been in your hands some days, I will with your permission take them as read. The result of the year's actual working while showing an improvement on the previous year is not so good as we had hoped for, but at the same time it should be pointed out that the profits on the working of the steamers are almost entirely derived from the regular coast trade of the company, there having been no Government or special charters during the period under review. Reference has been made in the report to the sale of the *Pharos* and *Hailong*. Both these steamers were too small for our present trade, and as their running expenses were but little less than those of a steamer of almost double capacity, they had ceased to be remunerative for some time past. The question of a new steamer of larger capacity to replace these sold, has been temporarily shelved but will be brought forward when the outlook for shipping in the East is more propitious. Competition with the subsidized Japanese line still continues, but at the present time the remaining steamers of the Douglas Company are earning fair freights. We were fortunate in having funds available at a time when money was in good demand, and you will learn from the accounts that the company has now a considerable sum on mortgage which bears an average rate of interest of nearly 8½ per cent. The income under this heading, will show a considerable increase in next year's accounts, and we are hopeful that at the next general meeting, we shall be able to show a better result on the year's working generally. In the circumstances the general managers and consulting committee, after due consideration, have decided to declare a dividend of 7 per cent, which virtually absorbs the whole of the actual profit on the year's working, to carry \$7,638.78 to credit of the reserve fund, and to write off 8 per cent. from the value of the Company's properties (less the amount of the reserve fund). Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions that shareholders may wish to put.

Mr. PERRY.—I should like to ask, Mr. Chairman, whether any of our steamers have made a profit during the year.

The CHAIRMAN.—It has never been the custom to say whether any steamer is making a profit or not. There is no use in giving away information to our opponents, and nothing to be gained by it.

Mr. PERRY.—Well, did any of the steamers make a loss?

The CHAIRMAN.—I have answered your question, Mr. Perry. As I said before, there is nothing to be gained by giving information away to our opponents.

Mr. PERRY.—Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a few remarks and draw the attention of the general managers and consulting committee to the following facts in relation to the reports and accounts which are called upon to pass to day. Analysing the amount of profits of \$196,100.55, as shown in the account, I find that it is made up of the following items:—\$126,000.00 difference between book value and sale price of *Pharos* and *Hailong*; \$31,421.71 interest on the Co.'s investments; \$31,408.84 profit on running the steamers and on coal; \$12,268.04 remuneration to general managers and other charges.

Balance \$8,618.84

It will readily be seen from the foregoing particulars that out of the large sum of profits, viz. \$196,100.55 as shown in the account, only the sum of \$38,618.84 is the actual return derived from the running of the Co.'s fleet. Thus with what was supposed to be a fairly good year (one better than the normal) as the past one, and with a free field without any keen opposition from our competitors the Japanese (as the latter were obliged to charter foreign steamers at very high prices to take the place of their steamers which were employed by the Japanese Government as transports), our actual return from the working of the steamers amounted only to the sum of \$38,618.84. This net return represents 4.41 per cent. on the value of \$875,000 of the steamers. With this fact before us, it must be admitted that the company's position is anything but a satisfactory one; at any rate its earning powers have been so materially impaired that, as an enterprise, its ability to acquire for shareholders remunerative dividends, is fairly on the road to extinction. To pay dividends out of profits accrued from sales of steamers and interest on mortgages, etc., is taking us rather beyond the line and scope of the business for which the company was originally constituted. Besides, profits from sales of steamers are a remote contingency and cannot be expected every year, and should not be fallen back upon for dividends. What most seriously engages our attention now is the question whether or not the company's fleet as now running, and with the prospective immediate resumption of competition by our indefatigable rivals—the Japanese—can make its way to pay the shareholders adequate dividends on the assets of the company. I may remark in passing that should the company make it a rule of writing off eight per cent. from the steamers' value it would be found that

the amount accrued from steamers' working pure and simple will not suffice to provide the wherewithal for this prudent and advisable policy. At present the assets of the company in cash and steamers, etc., amount to about \$1,400,000 and yet the shares are quoted at half the value, viz. 20,000 shares at \$35 per share, equal to \$700,000. Why this disparity, is an oft enough heard question. It is simply because the company has proved itself, for a number of years past, incapable of earning dividends commensurate with the capital at its disposal. The prospect is anything but promising, and it requires no power of foresight to foretell that the position of the company will not only retrograde but there is every likelihood that the rate of retrogression will be such as to foredoom it to extinction much sooner than it should be pleasant to contemplate. Isn't it about time, with the experience of recent years, that the general managers in conjunction with the consulting committee should devise some means of turning the valuable assets of the company to better ends? I hear there is a syndicate who will be willing to offer \$50 per share and buy up the company. Will the general managers consider such a proposal, or will they endeavour to suggest any other scheme to promote the interest of the shareholders?

Mr. HUGHES.—Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. We are called together to pass the report and accounts.

Mr. PERRY.—Excuse me, I am making remarks on the accounts as published.

Mr. HUGHES.—I think Mr. Perry is getting very wide of the mark. We are having a record inflected upon us.

Mr. PERRY.—I am passing remarks, Mr. Chairman, on the accounts.

The CHAIRMAN.—Keep to the accounts then. Further than the accounts and report you cannot go.

Mr. PERRY.—I will finish, I have only a few lines more.

The CHAIRMAN.—Go on.

Mr. PERRY.—I should be ruled out of order were I to bring forward a motion to the effect at the present meeting; but I offer it as a suggestion, meriting prompt consideration, that an extraordinary meeting be called for discussing a question of vital importance such as my proposal involves and give the shareholders a chance to express their views on the matter.

Before sitting down I may point out that holding as I do a large number of shares, I feel I have some justification in giving public utterance to some of my views.

The CHAIRMAN.—I am pleased to hear what you have said, Mr. Perry, but you say we had no opposition while the Japanese boats were off the run, but we have had a very strenuous opposition, the whole time with chartered steamers—an equal opposition to the Japanese own steamers. We have had the same number of steamers against us the whole time, and they out rates and took cargo.

Mr. PERRY.—But they chartered foreign steamers and had to pay for them.

The CHAIRMAN.—Then they are losing money.

Mr. PERRY.—What profit did we make, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN.—We made some profit.

Mr. PERRY.—We are losing money.

The CHAIRMAN.—All our dividends, you say, are paid out of profits of steamers. That is not so. They are paid out of the actual earnings every time. We got the interest on mortgage that is part of the capital, and can always get that.

Mr. PERRY.—I know we can, but we want to know what profit you made on the earnings of the steamers.

The CHAIRMAN.—\$50,000.

Mr. PERRY.—Excuse me, \$38,000.

The CHAIRMAN.—Apart from that we have got rid of two steamers the *Pharos* and the *Hailong* which was certainly not paying steamers. We have now three steamers earning fair returns, and I believe, as said in the report, that at next year's meeting we shall be able to show a better result.

Mr. PERRY.—I am afraid that is questionable.

The CHAIRMAN.—I don't know.

Mr. J. R. MICHAEL.—Is there any chance of improving our position by coming to terms with the Japanese?

The CHAIRMAN.—I am tired of trying. I have tried them again and again, but you know the Japanese. They say they will write to Tokyo, but never do. We can get nothing out of them although I have been in communication with them time and time again.

There being no further questions the CHAIRMAN moved, and Mr. WILKINSON seconded, the adoption of the report and accounts.

The motion was carried.

Mr. JUPP moved that the Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickson, Hon. Mr. R. Sheehan and Messrs. C. H. Thompson and A. G. Wood be re-elected to the consulting committee.

Mr. MITCHELL seconded the motion, to which the meeting agreed.

Mr. PERRY moved that Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. R. Lowe be re-elected auditors.

Mr. HUGHES.—Mr. Chairman, I have much pleasure in seconding Mr. Perry's motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN.—That, gentlemen, concludes the business of the meeting. Thank you for your attendance. I really hope at the next meeting to be able to give a better report. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

The *Singapore Free Press* remarks:—The shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Hongkong must have been pleased to read the Company's note yesterday. A dividend of 40 per cent is declared and handsome sums carried to reserves. This is one of the unfortunately rare investments which most men feel angry that they missed.

CANTON.
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, 23rd September.
DEBTORS ARRESTED.

Some two years ago, the partners of a large pig's brain firm in Sha Kwei Kai, named On Chan, which was doing a very flourishing business at that time, suddenly declared themselves insolvent. Their liability was over Tls. 30,000. The partners Li Fong Yan and Lam King Chow closed the door of the shop and went abroad, leaving only one of their confidential servants supposedly to look after the place, but in reality his duty was to watch the disposition of the creditors and to report to them what procedure they were taking. The only assets left behind by the debtors were the fixtures and the lease of the shop, and these, according to the Chinese custom here, are considered as quite a valuable asset in every business. The creditors took proceedings against Li and Lam in the Nam Hoi Magistracy, but as the defendants could not be found, the action was discontinued. Recently several of the creditors discovered that the defendants had returned to their native village up country, and were there enjoying their ill-gotten gains. The creditors artfully connected a letter, supposed to be written by the debtors' trustful servant in Canton, saying that he had received a very good offer from a certain party who desired to purchase the fixtures and lease of the shop, and he believed the creditors had abandoned all hopes of recovering their claims. It would up by urging his masters to come to Canton as soon as possible to execute the transfer of the lease by which they could make another big haul. The defendants came to Canton. Their surprise and disappointment may better be imagined than described, as on their arrival at the shop they found a crowd of creditors and several braves awaiting them. Li and Lam were arrested and bundled away to the Nam Hoi Gao.

PIRACY.
A junk trading between Canton and Sai Nam, which left here on the 19th instant for the latter place, with full cargo and passengers, was pirated on the same day near a place called Kamkai. It was reported that over thirty pirates boarded the junk from sampans rowed by women. The pirates took the junk to Man Koo, and after ransacking the passengers' luggage and the vessel, they left her, taking away with them merchandise, jewellery and money to the extent of over 10,000 taels. The matter was reported to the authorities, and braves have already been sent out to locate the pirates.

MAGISTRATE'S NOVEL WAY OF COLLECTING INFORMATION.

The new Nam Hoi magistrate, Chan Pak Hui, is a very energetic official. He inspected the prison on the 17th instant and intends dealing with all the remanded prisoners first before taking up any fresh cases. As I told you the other day, he has placed two letter boxes at the entrance of the Yamen. Here is a literal translation of the Chinese characters on them. On one of the boxes, is the heading, in large characters: "Desires to learn about my own faults," and in smaller characters the following notification:—"If any of my secretaries or domestic servants should cause trouble or swindle people outside, or if any of my clerks or yamen runners should extort money, etc., the public are requested to write out statements describing full particulars of the case and put same into this box." The heading on the other box is: "Request to be informed of all public affairs concerning the people," and the text in smaller characters reads as follows: "If in the city there should be anything beneficial and profitable that requires to be promoted, or anything vicious and corrupt that requires to be reformed; if in any village there are bandits and bad characters, and which bandits are the most violent and cruel, and what proper measures could be taken to ensure their captivity and what, furthermore, are the means or methods to keep the place in peace, the public are requested to write out statements describing full particulars of information and suggestions on these matters and put same into this box."

NEW MILITARY STATION.

Owing to the Poon Yu district being infested with robbers, brigands and bad characters the magistracy positioned Viceroy Shun requesting him to sanction the establishment of a military station with a division (500) of soldiers at Cheung Chow, similar to that of Koung Po in the Nam Hoi district. His Excellency has granted the request. Yesterday the Sir-Hau-Kuk sent a seal to the officer in charge of the station.

ILLICIT FAN-TAN HOUSE FOR WOMEN.

The police raided a house in Char Foe Street, in the Walled City, where fan-tan is said to have been played by women for a long time. Leong Cheung Shi, the proprietress of the place, who was conducting the game at the time, and her husband, Leong Foo Shun, were arrested. All the women who were gambling in the house were set free.

ABANDONED DEBTOR.

Last year a Canton merchant named Wong Pak Kwong failed in business and absconded to Tonkin. He was indebted to the various local banks for considerable sums, the aggregate being something like 70,000 taels. The bankers reported the matter to Viceroy Shun through the Chamber of Commerce shortly after the debtor absconded. A few days ago the bankers got the Bank Guild, Chang Shun Tong, to

petition the Viceroy requesting him to grant passports to Lai Yung Shing and Yeong Chi Yn, whom they have appointed as their attorneys, to proceed to Tonkin to institute actions against Wong Pak Kwong for the recovery of their debts. His Excellency is reported to have replied:—"I have perused carefully the contents of your petition. It appears that the Chamber of Commerce had previously communicated to me in the same matter, and on receipt of their letter I requested the facts of your case to the Governor of Tonkin. I noticed that the names stated in your petition do not agree with those indicated in the letter of the Chamber of Commerce, which I have already forwarded to the Governor of Tonkin through the French Consul." The Viceroy thereupon reprimands the petitioners for their carelessness in supplying names different from the first instance, and brings to their attention that if passports had been granted, as at first requested, the bankers may not have been able to identify themselves and consequently not have been permitted to land or proceed with their action. The Viceroy has issued an order to the Chamber of Commerce to call before them the petitioners to examine thoroughly into and report upon the case, previous to the final application and granting of passports.

CORRESPONDENCE.

GRIFFINS AND THEIR EXPENSES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

23rd September, 1905.
SIR,—I have read with interest your editorial and correspondence on the griffins of today and their various experiences, and so far have never thought it worth while to answer a press letter; but the statement of monthly expenses given by "Thrifty Lad" ought not to pass unchallenged, as anyone seeing it at home would have quite as wrong ideas as those given by the Taipans at home, or rather as is said is given by the home merchants.

In the first place I would like to say that I came out here under no misapprehension, as I was told that on a salary of \$200 I would be able to save very little, and that I think is fairly correct. Personally I am a teetotaler, so that "Cocktail Hall" has no claims for me; but at the same time a club is necessary if one wants to come into contact with other people, read the home papers and mix in society the equal to what one is used to at home; so that must be put down in the account.

Secondly, "Thrifty Lad" may be satisfied with a boarding house at \$75 in the town, but it all depends on what his circumstances in England were. However, that can pass. Also the other item regarding washing, though I would point out that living in a place that must not be over clean, and in summer is boiling, \$3 per month is not extravagant for washing, even if a Chinese laundry is patronised with its subsequent evils.

Our friend also spends, on what he calls "renewals," \$8 per month for clothes. One dozen white shirts cost \$4 per month, and the man never came out to Hongkong in the whole course of his existence who had an outfit that was so complete that nothing else need be bought. In fact in most cases it is very much the other way about.

Walking is cheap exercise, as he says, but only taking \$1 for Trams, Rickshaws, Chair, and Ferry is to say the least of it laughable.

However, the last two items are the worst, and I am sorry to think that anybody from the old country should so misrepresent matters.

This lad has no swimming, no cycling, no tennis, no cricket, no football, no cigars, no drinks of any kind whatever, (and living on the lower level, no thinking of it); and—can it be written—no reading. Mr. Editor, is it possible? How will they increase our circulation? And when he takes a "fancy" to anything he "saves" out of the \$100 and so does not spend any more? Really Sir, this "Thrifty Lad" must be a Scotchman who wrote his experience in a sarcastic vein and is now chuckling to himself at the astonished queries that are going about "how does he do it?"

When I say that to live in this colony on the following amount, do not look at life from the standpoint of either the one who thinks himself equal in all respects to a taipan, or one who has been brought up in a peasant's hut, but merely as a normal being who is used to being comfortable and can command a salary to make one so.

Board, lodging and attendance	\$ 30
Washing	6
Clothes	15
Rickshaws, Trams, Chairs, Ferry	10
Smoking	7
Club (or Y. M. C. A. with recreations)	10
Boots	3
Sundries	10
Swimming, Cricket, Football or Tennis	5
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SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich George & Co., in their weekly share list, dated the 23rd September, 1905, say:—
Our market has remained comparatively quiet but a fair investment business has been done at rates which, in some cases, show some slight improvement on last week's quotations. The market closes firm, but in the absence of time business we cannot expect much movement. The sterling demand rate on London closes at 1s. 11½/100, while rates on Shanghai are 7½/100, and on Hankow 7½/100, and on Tientsin 7½/100. The 7½/100 for a three days' sight private bill, Barsilver in London is quoted at 23½d., while Consols are £98/9/16.

BANK SHARES.—Hongkong and Shanghai have been done at 890½, closing a bit higher with sales and sellers at 890; the London rate is 291. Nationals continue in request at 238.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—Unions sold at 8780 to 8785, and have small buyers at latter rate; China Traders have weakened further, they sold at 870, 875 and 877, but at the close there are buyers again at 875. North China, and Yangtze are unchanged. Cautions are firm at 8335.

FIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—Hongkong have changed hands at 8330, 8335, 8336 and 8337, closing steady at latter rate. Chinas continue to be asked for, and 837½ is freely offered, but there are no sellers at that rate.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Messrs. Steamer Shares are in demand at 83½, but bringing out any sellers. Indo-China sold at rates ranging between 893 and 892, closing with sellers at 893, and buyers at 892½. The Shanghai rate is 7½, 67 buyers, while London quotes 89, 100. Douglas has been in steady demand, and several lots changed hands at 895 to 896; the closing rate is 895½. Buyers, China and Manilla, as well as Star Ferries, are unchanged. Shell Transport have sales and sellers at 21s. which leaves the London quotation. Hongkong Steam Waterworks have sellers at 814, owing to threatened further opposition.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been steadily dealt in during the week at 820, but the demand being filled apparently, the market closes with sellers at that figure. Luzons are on offer at 817 and a slightly lower offer is likely to find sellers.

MIXING SHARES.—Rauhs sold during the week at rates ranging between 83½ and 84; there are further buyers at 83½ and sellers at 84.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company Shares are weak with sellers at 124. Fenwick's are unchanged, and so are Amoy Docks. Farquhar has improved, the closing quotation being 7½. 144 buyers' shares sold up to 7½ for the end of the year. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's shares have improved gradually, and at time of writing shares could be placed at 103½. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves have advanced in Shanghai to sales at 118½.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co.'s shares have been in fair demand, and several hundreds of shares have been done at rates ranging from 812 and 810, the market closing with sellers at 812½. Kowloon Lands are firm at 349, and West Point steady at 355. Hongkong Hotels have been negotiated at the rate of 147½, being an advance of 1½ upon last quotation. Humphreys' Estates have been done at 12½ and more shares are wanted. Shanghai Lands are unchanged at 123.

COTTON MILLS.—Ewos have improved to 11s. 33 buyers. Internationals are quoted 11s. 4½, while Loon Kung Mills have been done in the north at 11s. 5½, at which rate there are buyers. Some buyers are wanted at 11s. 250 Hongkong Cottons are easier with sellers at 114½.

SUNDRY MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.—Philippines are obtainable at 88. China Light and Powers have sellers at 910, and small buyers at 901. Old Electricals sold at 116½ while the new issue has been fixed at 82. Bells' Asbestos have sales and buyers at 87. Dairy Farms fetched 817 and have further inquiries. Green Island Cements are on offer at 828. Other stocks under this heading unchanged.

MIXED STOCKS.—China Providents have been done at 88.90 and 89, and have sellers at the higher figure. Langkats had a big boom in the north, up to 11s. 225 having been paid for cash, while for 30th October 11s. 230 has been paid; we hear that the Dutch Ministry has now decided not to impose any export duty on heretofore from the Dutch Indies. A. S. Watson & Co.'s shares have been sold at 114 to 114½, but at latter rate shares are obtainable. Wm. P. Wells are unchanged. Notice has been given that on and after the 30th instant, the Liquidators of the Tabern Planning Co., Ltd., will be prepared to distribute a first and final dividend of 82.26-7/10 per share to those shareholders who apply for same and deposit their share certificates at the offices of the Liquidators, Messrs. J. D. Humphreys and Son. Other stocks under this heading call for no special remarks.

SEA-GRASS FURNITURE.

Two American citizens from the Pacific coast, who have settled in China, are stated to have originated a large trade in furniture made from bamboo and a certain kind of sea-grass. They began making the well-known rattan furniture, and casting about for new materials they hit upon a coarse grass, and after considerable experimenting found that upon suitable bamboo frames they could make fairly substantial and very pretty articles. The natives imitated their work, and now, it may be said (writes the United States Consul at Amoy) to be an industry common to many points along the lower Chinese coast. The grass is secured in the salt-water marshes along the lower coast, especially below Swatow, and ranging toward Canton. It can be had in abundance, almost without limit, in fact, and its pliability and strength are such as to make it available for not only furniture but for other purposes. It is greenish yellow, maintains its colour and strength, and might be used to advantage in other industries. Chairs and small tables are mentioned as made with the grass. It has been known to and used in various ways by the Chinese for centuries, but has not heretofore been employed for furniture.

S. W. ROYSE & CO.'S REPORT.

Manchester, 25th August.

Chemicals.—In spite of Wakes, etc., a very fair business is being done, and with the settlement of the Cotton trade difficulty and the more hopeful prospects of peace in the Far East there is a better feeling all round. Home trade is fair, and export trade is good. Values of some articles are low, and stocks only light, and there appears to be sufficient reason for expectation of satisfactory business during the coming months.

In Heavy Alkalies a very fair business is passing. Bleaching Powder is steady and some good contracts have been placed for delivery over next year at the advanced price. Caustic Soda is unchanged; prices for next year are not yet fixed. Ammonia Alkali is firm. Chlorates of Potash and Soda are not in active demand, but makers have their forward production well sold. Exports of Bleaching Materials and Soda Compounds showed a considerable improvement during July, and during the seven completed months of this year as compared with the corresponding period of 1904.

There is in Bleaching Materials an increase of 2,689 tons or 111,303, and in Soda Compounds an increase of 4,826 tons or 133,011. A large quantity of Lead continues in good demand. Foreign White being advanced 10s. Acetates of Lime have not much enquiry, and are a little easier in price. Acetate of Soda is steady, but inactive. Sulphate of Copper is dearer and a good business has been done for forward delivery. Carbonate and Caustic Potash have a good demand on spot; there is little change in price, and some business has been done for next year. Prussiates of Potash and Soda are plentiful, and values are steadily being very low. Tartaric Acid is cheap and is steady but only quiet. Borax is firm and had a good enquiry. Business in Tar Products is moving better. Solvent Naphtha is steady and a fair amount of business doing. Benzoles are firmer and some advance has been paid. Cresosote has been selling freely, but only at moderate figures, the supply being quite equal to the demand. Crude Carbolic is weak, and any business doing is at reduced prices: Crystals are slow. Liquid is steady but quiet. Pitch is firmer, and the outlook is more promising. Sulphate of Ammonia also has improved and is in demand, and business has been done at the advance for present and forward delivery.

Minerals.—There is more demand for Iron Ore; some large business has been arranged, and prices are improving. Imports have latterly been heavy, and during this year up to July 31st, as compared with the first seven months of 1904, there is an increase of 609,361 tons or 241,265. Chrome and Manganese Ores show no alteration. Prices of Brimstone continue easy; the Louisiana article is making a determined bid for the European trade, and judgements are offered to consumers to buy this quality; imports of Brimstone into this country during this year up to July 31st are more by 441 tons or 24,359 than during the first seven months of 1904. In Phosphates of Lime, Algerian and Florida Hard Rock, there is a small advance in price; recent transactions are not heavy, but producers are heavily sold forward. The China Clay trade is active; all works are busy and there is a brisk demand, especially for the higher quality. Crude Red Oxides are being freely imported.

Metals.—A month ago some improvement commenced in Cleveland Iron, and this has steadily continued during August, the total advance since the end of July being about 1s. per ton. Scotch Iron has also improved about 1s. 1½d. per ton during the month; there is at present a brisk demand, shipments from Middlebrook are heavy and trade in general improving. Copper has been continuously firm throughout this month, and has advanced steadily, if slowly, some 4s. per ton; the market continues strong and good business doing. Tin also has advanced about 25s. per ton lately; there has been a large trade passing, and the market continues firm. Spelter is about 15s. per ton dealer, and closes steady. Lead has fluctuated moderately, and is rather lower than it was a month ago.

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MAN'S WRETCHED FATE.

At the annual convention of the International Association of Factory Inspectors, Mr. W. L. Boling, superintendent of compulsory instruction at Chicago, created a sensation amongst the delegates. He produced Government statistics, covering twenty years, which show that the industrial competition of women and children and machine labour is driving men from the large cities to heavy manual labour in the mining and agricultural districts. Mr. Boling declared women were destined to be the ruling sex in the industrial world.

"Man, like the Red Indian, was dying out, and was being driven away. In 1890, 3,914,571 women occupied paying positions in the United States. In 1900 the number had increased to 5,329,807. The female birth-rate was increasing and the death-rate was diminishing, while, with regard to the male sex, the reverse was the case. We are drifting toward the age of the eternal feminine, when man will be a back number, and will be forced to the soil and to other fields in which only physical endurance can save him in the struggle for the survival of the fittest. Society is dying out at the top; it is a crystal maze, at which no occupant dares cast the first stone, and the result will be that within a decade the question of the neglected children of the rich will become a great social problem for the neglected children of the poor."—Laffan.

GERMANY'S COLONIES.

The Evening Standard correspondent at Berlin wrote:—A strong anticolonial feeling begins to manifest itself among important sections of the population which have hitherto been enthusiastic for colonial extension. The trouble which Germany is experiencing in almost all her overseas possessions is responsible for this sudden change, and the opinion is being expressed that territories like the two African Protectorates had better be yielded up to one Power which would accept them in exchange for something of more value to the Empire. It is pointed out that these possessions, largely valueless, grow more expensive every year, and swallow more than they yield, and that the aggregate trade of the whole of the German colonies, with the exception of Kiaochow, is not worth bothering about. The African and South Sea possessions combined only exported last year to the value of 25,000,000 marks, importing 41,000,000 marks, and this includes the trade of these colonies with other countries besides Germany. From her African possessions last year Germany imported only to the value of 7,900,000 marks, her exports being only worth 12,000,000 marks.

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Slow creeps the boat against the tide;
Blow the mist from the mountain top;
We shall never make Hongkong side;
Lo! how the lazy junks drift down,
Their tired crews can make no way;
Sun-God up in the brass sky
Send good joss for the boats to-day.
Bound to the sweep, child, dip and bend:
She how her last long sail hangs down,
It is an hour, young maid, since you
Since your mother left Kowloon town:
So get a match, you lazy boy,
And while the joss-sticks brightly burn,
Find me the crickets, child, and I
Will fire some good joss out of us.
Bound to the sweep, child, 'Hi! yah! yah!
I will sing you a sampan song:
Look you, our sail is full of wind,
Soon we'll anchor in old Hongkong;
Pull in the sweep, let her go,
See how she dips her swinging bow,
Come back astern, young maid, eyes,
Come, my son, for a bowl of chow.
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